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Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Final Office Action mailed December 7, 2005 for which the 3-month shortened statutory period expired March 7, 2006. With a one-month extension, this reply is timely on or before April 7, 2006.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration in light of the following amendments and accompanying remarks.

Amendment to the Claims are reflected in the listing of the claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.